



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) Multiple Projects Updates

April 17, 2012

Presented to the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC)

Key Matters

- PSIC is seeking an interoperable communications subject matter expert with public safety experience. Interested parties should contact Justin.Turner@azdoa.gov.
- Arizona has been awarded three Technical Assistance (TA) awards for 2012:
 - **APPROVED:** TICP Development Support (TIC-WKSP) (La Paz County; see below)
 - **APPROVED:** Training and Exercise Plan Workshop (OP-TEPW)
 - **APPROVED:** Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (RCES-SCMP) – Phoenix UASI Request
 - **DEFERRED:** Mobile Communications Vehicle Support (OP-MCVS)
 - **DEFERRED:** Auxiliary Communications Workshop (SPCL-AUXCOMM)
- The FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) informed OEC the first week of April that 46% or \$66.5M of the \$143.4M Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) funding awarded to States over 3 years has yet to be drawn down. Please engage with AZDOHS if you haven't already done so to ensure plans are in place to appropriately expend this funding within the established timeframes.
 - Arizona IECGP Fund Status (*Note: Data was received from FEMA GDP as of April 6, 2012*):

	Current Obligated	Current Drawdowns	Current Balance
FY 2008	\$797,224.00	\$794,118.00	\$3,106.00
FY 2009	\$923,912.00	\$619,981.82	\$303,930.18
FY 2010	\$831,500.00	\$41,400.00	\$790,100.00

- Key Upcoming Events
 - Coconino County COML Class (ERMA Event #1001900)
April 30 - May 3, 2012 – 8 AM to 5 PM
<http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/training.htm>
 - La Paz County TICP Kickoff Workshop
May 9, 2012 – 9 AM to 4 PM
La Paz County Boating Safety Center
8484 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ
http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2012/LaPaz_TICP_Kickoff_Flyer_05092012.pdf
 - SCIP Implementation Workshop – Strategic Planning (See below)
May 22, 2012 – 9 AM to 4 PM
http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2012/SCIP_Workshop_Flyer_05222012.pdf

Governance (SCIP Initiatives #1 - 3)

- Arizona SCIP: The annual review and update to the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) will focus this year on developing action plans for implementation of key strategic initiatives. The PSIC Office, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), will be hosting a SCIP Implementation Workshop on May 22, 2012 that evaluates what we have learned from the NECP Goal One and Two processes, analyzes gaps, and evaluates alternatives in order to develop a streamlined actionable SCIP.

Our Planned Schedule for SCIP Updates is as follows:

February - March: Interviews with key State and local personnel & data gathering

April – May: Open Public Comment Period

April 17: Review and Discussion with PSCC

May 8: Review and Discussion with SIEC

May 22: SCIP Implementation Workshop – Strategic Planning

Carnegie Center (main floor); 1101 W. Washington St;

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 926-3604

<http://www.lib.az.us/carnegie/meet.aspx>

June 4 - 21: Draft SCIP to PSCC, SIEC and public for review and comment

June 28: Final Draft SCIP distributed to all stakeholders

July 17: PSCC Action Item for Updated SCIP Approval – PSCC Meeting during Law Enforcement Pow-Wow, Flagstaff

- NECP Goal Two Gap Closure:
 - The main focus is currently on the creation and update of County/Regional TICPs. For more information on State-wide TICP status, see today's presentation.
- CASM & TICPs:
 - The PSIC Office is providing CASM templates and requesting additional data from non-participating agencies (Agencies who did not give us data during the Goal Two process). In addition, we are requesting verification / data updates from all agencies with data currently in CASM.
 - An Arizona specific CASM User Account Request / Approval Form (for CAM Only Access) is available on the PSIC Website: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/casm/>.
 - Phoenix UASI TICP Update & TIC-FOG Development – This effort evolved into the Arizona Central Region Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) and the corresponding Arizona Central Region - Field Operations Guide (ACR-FOG). The draft of the FOG is nearing completion, as missing information is incorporated and the format is finalized.
 - Coconino County TICP Development – officials plan to have the TICP ready for countywide approvals by the end of April.
 - La Paz County received a TA award to develop a TICP which documents interoperable communications governance structures, technology assets, and usage policies, and procedures. A kickoff meeting for this effort will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - see Key Upcoming Events above. For more information, contact Justin Turner at Justin.Turner@azdoa.gov.
- National Broadband Monitoring:
 - OEC sent out a [summary of the national Public Safety Broadband Network \(PSBN\)](#) and related communications and spectrum provisions of Title VI of the *Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012*, signed by the President on February 22. Key provisions of Title VI include:
 - Reallocation of the 700 MHz D Block to public safety
 - Establishes "FirstNet" within the NTIA to oversee the development and execution of the NPSBN
 - Authorizes the FCC to conduct incentive auctions to raise \$7 billion for building and managing the PSBN

- Provides additional auctions revenues for Federal research and development on public safety technologies
- Ensures that Federal responders are able to access the NPSBN
- NPSTC is currently developing a new resource website, the Public Safety Broadband Directory: <http://www.npstc.org/broadbandDirectory1.jsp>. PSIC continues to participate on the NPSTC "Priority and Quality of Service" and the "Local Control" Working Groups, as well as the Public Safety Spectrum Trust – Operator Advisory Committee (PSST-OAC).
- PSIC attended the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Quarterly Meeting at IWCE, Las Vegas, NV Feb 24, 2012 and the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) meeting in Boulder, CO Mar 5-8, 2012.
- For more information on Broadband issues, see today's presentation or contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.

SOPs (SCIP Initiative #4)

- The PSIC Office will be facilitating review by the SIEC and update of minimum equipment standards (which have not been reviewed since January 2007). An update was provided to the SIEC at its January 2012 meeting (see presentation for details). For additional information, or to provide input, contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.
- Regional Communications Systems Connection (RCSC) Project Status:
 - Executive summary and technical timeline – complete
 - Multi-agency IGA – pending approval by TRWC
 - Multi-agency SOP – complete
 - Pilot test with DPS and YRCS – complete and successful
 - Deployment Schedule – to be developed

Technology (SCIP Initiatives #5 - 9)

- Narrowbanding:
 - To aid communities in monitoring the progress of narrowbanding efforts in their area, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) released a Narrowband status reporting tool, the Narrowband Summary Tracker, to go along with the Narrowband License Status Tool. Both tools are available online at: http://publicsafetytools.info/narrowband/start_narrowband.php
 - As of April 8, 2012, 75.5% of Arizona transmitter licenses have been modified to be Narrowband only (17.2%) or Narrowband & Wideband (58.2%). Currently, 24.4% of licenses are wideband only.
 - The PSIC Office is reaching out to Arizona license holders who currently have not modified their license to reflect a transition to narrowband in an effort to determine their narrowbanding plans.
- AIRS (Initiative #5):
 - Radio Frequency drive test of all three bands of the AIRS system covering nearly 4000 miles of Arizona highways was conducted December 5 - 15, 2011 utilizing a Technical Assistance (TA) award from OEC/ICTAP. Results from the drive test were reviewed at the March 13 SIEC meeting (see presentation for details).
 - Long Mesa Suite was installed in AIRS Region 3 and Jacob Lake Suite was installed in AIRS Region 2.
 - Next Generation AIRS Plan – Under development. To participate in the development of the plan, or for more information, contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.
- Support of Regional Communication Systems (Initiative #6) – YRCS BIDP:
 - The Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) regulatory compliance review was completed and approved on January 26; procurement of equipment is now proceeding.
 - A request for technical assistance to update the Yuma countywide TICP was approved by OEC in January; the full-day TICP update workshop is anticipated to be held on June 6th.

- Development of a Tactical Interoperable Field Operations Guide (TICFOG) including material from the updated TICP has also been requested.
- For more information contact Stephen Holland, Assistant IT Director of Telecommunications with the City of Yuma at Stephen.Holland@yumaaz.gov.
- State Agency Operability in support of Interoperability (Initiative #9) – the RICO Project is progressing. Site Installation is underway: Five of six sites have been activated. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and procedures for agencies to utilize the expanded system are being developed.

Training & Exercise (SCIP Initiatives #10 & 11)

- AIRS Training Materials – DVDs, stickers, and training curriculum are available upon request. The training program is also available online at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/airs/>.
- OEC is working in collaboration with the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) to identify potential best practice models for state COML Recognition Programs. The information will be used to design and deliver webinars to be vetted by members of NCSWIC and leveraged by all 56 States and territories.
 - OEC will schedule and host the best practice webinars featuring varying approaches to help SWICs gain a better understanding of how COMLs are becoming credentialed in other areas of the country in order to create or improve their own State processes.
 - Arizona's Recognition Program is considered a model for the webinar, and the AZ SWIC and PSIC Office are working with OEC and NCSWIC to develop the webinar format, content and deliverables.
- Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML Recognition – As of March 2012 there are 14 recognized COMLs from 4 counties. The March 13 SIEC Meeting NIMS-CU Workgroup presentation noted recognized individuals who have been added to the Resource List (online at: www.azpsic.gov/library/com/).
- COML / COMT Training (See March 13 SIEC meeting presentation)
 - The PSIC Office scheduled three spring All-Hazards COML Training Courses, utilizing IECGP funds:
 - **COMPLETE:** Cochise County – Sierra Vista, April 2-5, 2012
 - **CANCELLED (due to low enrollment):** Gila County – Globe, April 16-19, 2012
 - **UPCOMING:** Coconino County – Flagstaff, April 30 - May 3, 2012: ERMA #1001900
 - The second COMT course to be offered in the State was held in Maricopa County, April 9-13, utilizing SHSGP 2011 funding.
- COML Field Day (see March 13 SIEC meeting presentation) – Planning continues for a Training Field Day to provide additional training to interested COML candidates. The Field Day was originally targeted for spring delivery, but has been postponed to a date later in the year due to procurement delays, as well as weather and wildland fire season. For more information contact Suesan Nordman at Suesan.Nordman@azdoa.gov.

Usage & Outreach (SCIP Initiative #12)

- PSIC staff attended the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) in Las Vegas, NV, February 20-24. See the IWCE Report attached to the multiple projects update document for the March 13 SIEC Meeting for more details.
- Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability ("Outreach Plan") – Presentation provided to PSCC today. PSIC is currently gathering feedback and welcomes all [stakeholder input](#).
 - The 2011 Outreach Plan is available online at: www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/
 - The following targeted interoperability topics are being considered for inclusion in the 2012 Outreach Plan:
 - FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
 - National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)
 - NECP Goal Two Gap Closure (Regional Interoperability Planning: CASM, TICPs & SCMPs and other Resources)
 - The Draft Plan will be emailed to interested parties for feedback and posted on the PSIC website within the next week for a 2 week comment period.

Recent Activities

February 20 - 24 – International Wireless Communications Expo (Las Vegas, NV)
February 24 – NPSTC Quarterly Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
February 29 – Palo Verde Annual Full Scale Exercise
March 2 – Homeland Security Grant Applications due to AZDOHS no later than 5 PM
March 2 – Pima County OEMHS Southern Region Multi-Year Training and Exercise Meeting
March 5 - 8 – PSCR Broadband meeting (Boulder, CO)
March 6 - 7 – 6th Annual Border Security Expo (Phoenix Convention Center)
March 13 – SIEC Meeting (Phoenix)
March 20 - 21 – Arizona/Sonora Emergency Preparedness Task Force Meeting & Knowledge Exchange (San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora Mexico)
March 28 - April 12 – Draft SCIP - first review and comment period
March 31 – Comments due to psic@azpsic.gov for 2012 review of Statewide Education and Outreach Plan
April 2 - 5 – COML Course (Sierra Vista)
April 9 - 12 – COMT Course (Phoenix)
April 17 – PSCC Meeting (Phoenix)

Upcoming Key Dates

April 25 – Southwest Border Communications Working Group Meeting (Yuma)
April 30 – May 3 – COML Course (Flagstaff)
May 8 – SIEC Meeting (Phoenix)
May 9 – La Paz County TICP Kickoff Workshop (Parker)
May 9 – Tucson UASI Meeting (Tucson)
May 22 – Statewide SCIP Implementation Workshop (Phoenix)
May 28 – State Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 4 - 21 – Draft SCIP - second review and comment period
June 5 – Maricopa Regional Strategic Communications Migration Plan (SCMP) Workshop
June 6 – Yuma County TICP Update Workshop
June 11 - 15 – SAFECOM / NICSWIC / NENA Conference (Los Angeles, CA)
July 11 – Tucson UASI Meeting (Tucson)
July 17 - 20 – Annual Law Enforcement Pow Wow (Flagstaff)
July 17 – PSCC Meeting (Flagstaff)
August 7 - 8 – Arizona Ambulance Association Preconference and General Membership Meeting (Prescott)
August 19 - 22 – Arizona APCO International 78th Annual Conference & Expo (Minneapolis, MN)

Next SIEC Meeting – May 8th (10 AM to 12 PM)

ADOA 3rd Floor Conference Room - 100 N. 15th Avenue; Phoenix, AZ 85007

Next PSCC Meeting – July 17th (1 to 3 PM) During the Annual Law Enforcement Pow-Wow

LEAF Auditorium - 911 E. Sawmill Rd.; Flagstaff, AZ 86001